Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

Listing of Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 9 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A circuit, comprising:

a first current limiting circuit coupled between a selector terminal and a first voltage

bus, the first current limiting circuit adapted to [[vary]]limit a current [[limit]] out of the

selector terminal in response to a voltage on the selector terminal; and

a second current limiting circuit coupled between the selector terminal and a second

voltage bus, the second current limiting circuit adapted to [[vary]]limit a current [[limit]] into

the selector terminal in response to the voltage on the selector terminal.

2. (original) The circuit of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of voltage

comparators coupled to the selector terminal.

3. (original) The circuit of claim 2 further comprising decoder circuit coupled to the

plurality of voltage comparators.

4. (original) The circuit of claim 1 wherein the first current limiting circuit includes

a first switch and a first variable current source coupled between the first voltage bus the

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selector terminal.

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5. (original) The circuit of claim 4 wherein the first switch is adapted to conduct

when the voltage on the selector terminal is below a first threshold voltage, wherein the first

switch is adapted not to conduct when the voltage on the selector terminal is above a second

threshold voltage.

6. (original) The circuit of claim 5 wherein the second current limiting circuit

includes a second switch and a second variable current source coupled between the selector

terminal and the second voltage bus.

7. (original) The circuit of claim 6 wherein the second switch is adapted to conduct

when the voltage on the selector terminal is above a third threshold voltage, wherein the

second switch is adapted not to conduct when the voltage on the selector terminal is below a

fourth threshold voltage.

8. (currently amended) The circuit of claim 7 wherein the first current limiting

circuit is adapted to [[vary]]limit the current [[limit]] out of the selector terminal to a first

current limit when the voltage on the selector terminal is below a fifth threshold voltage,

wherein the first current limiting circuit is adapted to [[vary]]limit the current [[limit]] out of

the selector terminal to a second current limit when the voltage on the selector terminal is

above a sixth threshold voltage.

9. (currently amended) The circuit of claim 8 wherein the second current limiting

circuit is adapted to [[vary]]limit the current limit into the selector terminal to a third current

limit when the voltage on the selector terminal is above a seventh threshold voltage, wherein

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the second current limiting circuit is adapted to [[vary]]limit the current [[limit]] into the

selector terminal to a fourth current limit when the voltage on the selector terminal is below

an eighth threshold voltage.

10. (original) The circuit of claim 7 wherein the first threshold voltage and the

second threshold voltage are less than the third threshold voltage and the fourth threshold

voltage.

11. (original) The circuit of claim 8 wherein the fifth threshold voltage and the sixth

threshold voltage are lower than the first threshold voltage and the second threshold voltage.

12. (original) The circuit of claim 9 wherein the seventh threshold voltage and the

eighth threshold voltage are higher than the third threshold voltage and the fourth threshold

voltage.

13. (original) The circuit of claim 8 wherein the first current limit is less than the

second current limit.

14. (original) The circuit of claim 9 wherein the third current limit is less than the

fourth current limit.

15. (original) The circuit of claim 1 wherein the circuit is included in an integrated

circuit device.

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-4-Examiner: Tra, Anh Quan Filing Date: March 10, 2004 Art Unit: 2816 16. (original) The circuit of claim 15 wherein the integrated circuit device is a controller in a switching power supply.

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